

Book Review of *The Selection* by Kiera Cass

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“True love is usually the most inconvenient kind” (Cass, 2012, p. 187).
Such a BEAUTIFUL sentence!!

This book’s heroine, seventeen-year-old America Singer thinks she has her life all planned out. She's putting money aside to marry Aspen, her next-door neighbor and family patron, who is a lower caste than her in Illéa's caste system. It takes much to convince her to compete for Prince Maxon's hand with 34 other children. Finally, because her family needs her, she gives up and decides to try. When the rivalry starts, America only receives periodically from the royal family for the tiny payment. But as the group of girls shrinks, she is torn between two options: live a life of luxury and riches at the palace with Maxon, or live with her true love (Aspen) and go to bed hungry every night.

The Selection is a dystopian novel for young adult, especially for young girls. I, personally, found this book is more like a “Cinderella story”, but it has exposed many controversial social issues in real life. This is absolutely a different kind of fairy tale; I think the key message the author wants to convey is to implore all young people to remain true to their original aspirations. Do not forget the beginning of your convictions and hopes, and you will reach the bright end eventually.

Reference

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